
Term 2 – 28th November 2025

Mersham Primary School

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I huge thank you to everyone who provided donations for the Christmas Fair today – it is going to be a great event next Friday!

Monday sees the start of December when that first advent calendar window is opened and the excitement begins to build! It is a really busy time of year which can also become very overwhelming for some children. To that end, please do keep an eye on announcements related to all activities in school and support your children, where needed, to understand how routines may have changed and things may be different to usual – this can be really helpful in enabling all children to really enjoy these last weeks of term.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Sporting News

Football

Mersham played their first league game this week against St Simons! It was a high scoring game - champions league style - with St Simons scoring 5 goals but Mersham netted 7!!

Darcy, James, Dylan and Victor scored and Hudson made some epic saves!

It was a great start to the season and we play our second game on Monday against Hamstreet! Miss Read

Sports Hall Athletics

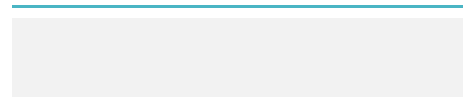
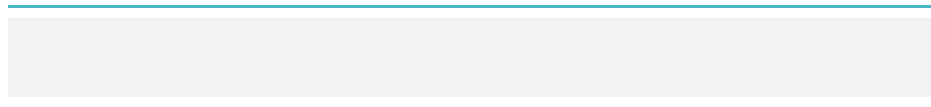
On Tuesday, ten children from year one and two took part in an athletics event at the Stour Centre. They completed a carousel of activities which focused on running, jumping and throwing skills. I was so proud of all of the children. They listened carefully to the young leaders, took turns, tried their best with each event and cheered each other on. It was amazing to see all of the children so enthusiastic and representing Mersham so wonderfully. Miss Maher

Light Up Mersham

The Choir are performing at a number of events over the next couple of weeks. The first one is Light Up Mersham on Saturday at 5.45-6.15 outside the Royal Oak pub, if anyone would like to come along and support/listen.

Upcoming Events

2 nd Dec	Elfridges in School
5 th Dec	Christmas Fair
9 th /10 th Dec	Ducklings and Parrots Christmas Production 1:30pm
12 th Dec	Christmas Service in the Church 9:15am
17 th Dec	Class Christmas Parties
18 th Dec	Pantomime
19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
19 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
19 th Dec	End of Term 2
5 th Jan	Start of Term 3
13 th Feb	End of Term 3



Christmas Cards in School

As we head into the season of goodwill...instead of children taking their Christmas cards into their classes, the Phoenix Room is now the new hub for cards! We will have a post box outside the Phoenix Room for everyone's cards which the children will then sort and deliver!

We look forward to receiving lots of wonderful cards to deliver this year! Miss Read and Miss Wheeler

Mrs Maher and Mrs Benjamin's Quiz Night

Another huge thank you to everyone who came along to the quiz at the school last Friday evening – the hall was packed! It was a great evening and raised a massive £743 for the school. The money will be used to buy a new outdoor speaker with the balance shared between the classes to buy some additional in-class resources.

Breakfast with Santa

Please see attached flyer about an event at The Royal Oak pub in Mersham on Saturday 6th December.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Vouchers will be issued directly to eligible families i.e. for children entitled to free school meals on 26th November via email, for the Christmas Holidays. Please see attached parent guide to support parents with booking.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows: **PLEASE NOTE the new date for Kingfisher Class' assembly**

4 th December	Kingfisher Class
11 th December	Toucan Class

Junior Adventure Group (JAG) Staff Vacancy

JAG are looking for an After School Club Manger for the club at Mersham Primary School. If anyone is interested in the role or if you know anyone who maybe interested, more information can be found via this link.

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/join-our-team/job-application/?adid=640970>

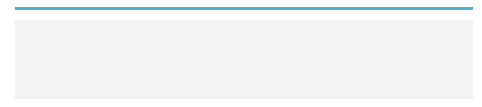
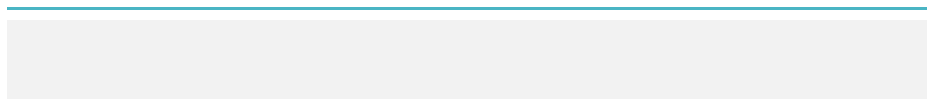
PTFA News

Non-uniform day

Thank you so much for all your generous donations of chocolate and Elfridges gifts. We are so grateful for your support!

Rainbow Raffle

Our rainbow raffle will be held at the Christmas Fair on Friday! All donations for your class hamper can be brought to the office by Wednesday 3rd ready for wrapping by our class volunteers to create beautiful hampers. Once again, thank you all so much for helping to raise funds for the school.



Elfridges

Our store is open during the day on Tuesday 2nd. Please pre-purchase gifts for your children to choose gifts by **Monday 1st at 12 midday**. This enables us to make sure we have plenty of stock for your child to choose from. <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/product/elfridges>

Christmas Fair

The main man will be coming to Mersham Primary School on Friday 5th at our school fair. All children will be able to visit santa free of charge and take home a lovely keepsake gift. You can also visit the class craft stalls, take part in the chocolate tombola, our famous rainbow raffle, and sip on some luxury hot chocolate! This event is a *mostly* cash event, change preferred! Hope to see you there!

Winter Weather Guidance from Kent County Council

Severe Snow/Ice Plan for Parents and Families

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected, and it can be challenging to maintain an education service.

As a fundamental principle, every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Given those circumstances, it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be on-site.

We recognise that it is important for our school to remain open, so parents can continue to work and pupils can continue to learn. **Mersham Primary School** will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways, clearing access points, etc

How will we let you know if the school is closed?

If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, Mrs Chalkley may have to make the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made, we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website, which can be accessed here: <https://www.kentclosures.co.uk>
To receive alerts, it is necessary for parents to register and sign up for email and/or Android smartphone notifications on the Kent Closures website. This service will send an email alert to let parents know if **Mersham Primary School** is closed. It is free to use.
Local radio will sometimes provide information on school closures.

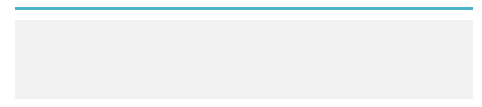
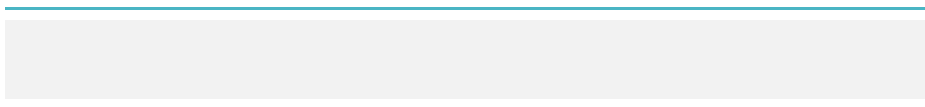
What can you do to help?

Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.

Please approach the school with caution – it can be really icy on the road in front of the school and through the village/country lanes.

Check with the school to see whether you need to provide a packed lunch from home in case school meals cannot be provided.

Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies, etc. or even a change of clothing.



If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if the weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping **Mersham Primary School** remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

